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**Headquarters Comments:**

- 11 The correct spelling of the town and the lake is Balkhash, not Balkhazh. 25X1
2. The Balkhash airfield is reported to be located at N 46-55, E 75-03.

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2. During the period under review, there was continuous air activity by Po-2s, also on days with temperatures of 40 to 45 centigrades below zero. The aircraft usually flew so low that the two-man crew and the Soviet star were recognized very well. Up to 8 individual aircraft were occasionally aloft at the same time. 25X1  
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Four commercial aircraft with two piston engines, probably Douglas-type aircraft, daily landed at the field. Every morning and afternoon, one aircraft, coming from the direction of Alma Ata (43 12 N/76 57 E) and another plane from the direction of Karaganda (49 50 N/73 10 E) arrived.

While working on the railroad line west of the field, take-offs and landings by biplanes and by twin-engine aircraft were definitely observed.

3. During the spring of 1953, small swept-back jet aircraft which flew at a high speed were observed over Balkhazh. One or two aircraft were usually aloft and occasionally three aircraft. Approximately twice per week, 6 aircraft were simultaneously seen aloft. These aircraft mostly left a vapor trail. They came from the direction of Karaganda, crossed over Balkhazh, banked over Lake Balkhazh and then returned toward Karaganda. No flight night flights were observed. On one night, however, the beams of a searchlight which was presumably located at the airfield, was seen from the camp.

1. Comment. This is the first information on the airfield near Balkhazh which seems to be a civil installation. 25X1

2. Comment. 25X1

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